

The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones

Minutes of proceedings of the monthly meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones held on Monday 15th April 2024, 10am, The Market House, The Diamond, Clones.

Members Present: The Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland presided,
The following members were also present: Cllrs: Pat Treanor, Richard Truell,
and Hugh McElvaney.

Apologies: Cllr. Seamus Coyle.

In Attendance: Gareth McMahon A/Director of Services, Matthew Lambe A/Municipal District Co-Ordinator, Martin Taylor Executive Engineer and Gillian Costello Staff Officer.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland welcomed all to the meeting of the Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones extending thanks the Town Regeneration Team Kevin McNally Town Regeneration Officer and Brian Annon, Executive Engineer for attending today's meeting. It was unanimously agreed to move agenda item No. 4 Dereliction & Vacancy to the first order of business.

4. Regeneration, Dereliction & Vacancy

Kevin McNally Regeneration Officer and Brian Annon Executive Engineer made a presentation to the Elected Members on *Policy & Procedures To Deal With Vacancy & Dereliction In Co. Monaghan*. Outlining the Town Centre First Policy, issues leading to property dereliction and vacancy and schemes and initiatives to address these issues. Monaghan County Councils Policy & Procedure for Derelict Sites, the function of the Town Regeneration Section and Clones/Ballybay findings.

There is a mix of vacant, derelict, commercial, residential properties the owners of which will be engaged with. Derelict Site Notices will be issue on 10 properties in Clones & Ballybay respectively. Derelict Properties have the potential to bring 40 plus properties in Ballybay back into use.

The Elected Members welcomed the presentation noting the redevelopment of derelict properties will positively impact in efforts to address the housing need within this Municipal District, as currently there are no new developments. The suite of financial supports available to property owners for redevelopment is encouraging.

Kevin McNally will circulate information on the Croí Cónaithe grant to the Elected Members and will organise workshops to assist members of the public.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr Richard Truell proposed March 2024 monthly meeting minutes, Cllr Pat Treanor seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously agreed by all.

2. Correspondence Sent

Correspondence sent was noted.

3. Correspondence Received

Correspondence received was noted and discussed by the Members.

Proposals arising from correspondence received:

The Elected Members expressed their full support for the request of the Clones Guild of the ICA to erect a plaque in The Diamond Clones to commemorate its past President and former National President Mamo McDonald.

Proposed Cllr. Pat Treanor, Seconded Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and unanimously agreed by all.

Elected Members welcome correspondence received from Monaghan GAA advising of their plans to meet with Ulster GAA to discuss and review the future of St. Tiernach's Park. Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator has a meeting scheduled with Micheál Ó Cearbhaill, Monaghan GAA on May 5th.

Following discussion regarding parking issues raised by business owners in Ballybay, concerning all day parking outside their business premises, the Elected Members expressed their support of the issues highlighted relating to the effects on trading and the impact for business owners. It was unanimously agreed that this issue requires immediate attention. Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator informed the Elected Members a traffic warden has been hired and will work in the Ballybay/Clones MD and Carrickmacross/Castleblayney MD exclusively and going forward there will be a more regular presence in the town. Parking byelaws allow for 2-hour parking only in these locations between 9am & 6pm, the traffic warden will issue tickets on cars in breach of the parking regulations in Ballybay.

The Elected Members welcomed this and suggested if the problem persisted that the powers of An Garda Síochána in enforcement of parking regulations should be investigated.

Proposed Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland, Seconded Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and unanimously agreed by all.

5. The Ulster Final Clones

Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator updated the Elected Members on preparations for the Ulster Final scheduled for Clones on Sunday May 12th.

Ballybay/Clones Municipal District have been working in collaboration with Clones Town Team and Clones St. Tiernach's GAA Club, An Garda Síoch and Ulster GAA to plan pre-match entertainment for Ulster Final Day. Plans include a festival themed day with street music and a family zone in Barry McGuigan Park with local artists in attendance for face painting & arts activities for the kiddies. The park will also have live music, a food vendor, and public toilets.

An Garda Síoch are overseeing parking arrangements for this event and locations identified suitable for parking will be plotted on the Clones Town Centre Parking map, which is currently being prepared for circulation, this map will include key locations of importance on the day.

Works at St. Tiernach's Plaza to the lefthand side of this site are scheduled for completion for Ulster Final Day & works to the right will not commence until after May 12th.

The Elected Members welcomed this update and efforts to enhance match day and promote Clones as the venue of the Ulster Final.

6. Report by Municipal District Co-ordinator **Town & Village Scheme 2021**

Public realm Enhancement Clones: -

Item 1 Ball Alley:- A Part 8 VII planning Application for the Ball Alley will be forwarded for sectional review.

Following the walk about after the March meeting with Engineering staff and elected member, Engineering staff have met with the Design Consultants to discuss possible design solutions for improved sight visibility and parking at the junction of the N54 and the ball alley.

Item 2 Diamond Area: - A Part 8 VII planning Application for the Diamond Area will be forwarded for sectional review and comment next month.

The proposed development will consist of Infrastructural improvements to improve car parking and pedestrian facilities.

Town & Village Scheme 2022

Development of the Farmer Yard Clones

Phase 1 works are complete additional proposed Phase 2 works are at tender stage.

Village Plan Drum: –

Following the completion of the AGM members of the Executive met the Committee to discuss how best to progress some of the items outlined in the plan.

Village Plan Rockcorry: –

Facilitation meetings are completed, and members of the Executive have met with to discuss the one-year plan which sets out the actions required across year one to begin the process of delivering the Vision Plan for Rockcorry.

Corrybrennan Park Playpark: –

An approved Playground Equipment Contractor has commenced enabling works and it is envisaged works will be completed in May this year.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2021

Ballybay to Castleblayney Greenway: -

The Route Options Selection for the Ballybay to Castleblayney Greenway has now been completed and the Preferred Route Option has been developed. Preferred Route Option Consultation with landowners took place on Wednesday the 13th of March in Doohamlet Community Centre. There were 212 letters send inviting landowners to the consultation and 47 landowners attend same.

The Public Consultation is now open from the 14th of March 2024, for a period of 4 weeks, to the 11th of April 2024. Maps indicating the Preferred Route can be viewed at <https://monaghan.ie/ballybay-to-castleblayney-b2c-greenway/>

Landowners, local communities, and the public are invited to review the Preferred Route and to discuss with the project team.

Observation or comment in relation to the Preferred Route Option, can be made on the website at <https://ballybaycastleblayney.ourgreenway.ie/>

There have been 75 submissions received through the website.

Outdoor Recreation Schemes 2022

Dartrey Forest

Minister Humphreys turned the sod on this project on Friday last and construction works will commence in the coming weeks.

Dromore Blueway –

A Public Information evening was held in Scoil Eanna Ballybay on the Wednesday, 7th February 2024 this information provided members of the public to view the proposed infrastructural proposal along the Dromore River from Ballybay to Lisanlong. Part VIII Planning has been submitted and a decision is due in the coming weeks.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2023 Project Development Measure (PDM)

Drum Lough Circular Walkway

Funding of €50,000 has been received recently from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Project Development Measure (PDM) of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2023 for a proposed Circular walkway at Drum Lough. At present Engineering staff are preparing tender documents for the appointment of a design consultant.

Outdoor Recreation Scheme 2023

Measure 1

Funding of €30k has been granted for the upgrading Existing Pathways, Dromore West, through existing Fairy Forest to include widening and re- surfacing/Drainage of Existing Pathways.

Restoration of Piers at Entrance and rebuilding of existing Bricks and pointing of same as specified including re-erecting of capping's.

PEACEPLUS Theme 1.4

Peace Link Extension

An application for PEACEPLUS Theme 1.4 funding was submitted in September and the funding body has come back seeking clarifications on the proposed project and these queries are being examined.

PEACEPLUS Theme 4.2 Healthy & Inclusive Communities

The MD are preparing a funding application with partners from Cavan County Council, Fermanagh Omagh District Council under Peace + for the Ulster Canal Workers Cottages. The closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday 23rd May 2024 and the MD are liaising with Clones Development Society regarding the application.

Rural Regeneration & Development fund Scheme Fifth Call 2023

Clones Regeneration Hubs (Heritage and Enterprises) Plan.

This MD has applied under the Fifth Call for Category 1 for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) for Clones Regeneration Hubs (Heritage and Enterprise). This application includes the proposed Business Hub on Fermanagh St and the Lennard Arms (Monastic Centre) MacCurtain Street/Analore Street/The Diamond, Crossmoyle.

Ballybay Market House –

WGG Architects & Surveyors Ltd have been appointed as a multi-disciplinary design team for this project. Prestart meeting took place on the 9th of February at the Market House and preliminary surveys are ongoing at present. Minister Humphries announced funding of €1.25m for the project at the signing of the contract for the appointment of the multi-disciplinary design team on Friday last.

Heritage Council Funding

Mott & Bailey Clones: -

Works have been substantially completed and final reports from the appointed Archaeologists and Architects have been forwarded to the National Monuments Services.

MD staff continue to pursue a lease agreement between the Church and Monaghan County Council. Monaghan County Council have secured the site of the bailey by erected fencing in agreement with the Church.

Active Travel 2023

Project Code:	Project Name	Estimate Completion Period	2023 Allocation	Comments
MN/21/0020	Low Cost Junction Tightening - Newbliss (where R189 meets R183).	Q3 (Design only)	€100,000	Several options we presented to Engineering staff and at present staff are reviewing same.
MN/22/0001	Clones Peace Link AT Scheme	Q2 2024	€479,000	A value engineering exercise is in progress on the project to deliver the scheme. S Wilkin started on site on 27.11.23. Waste management plan in place. House demolished and bulk dig complete. Foundation dig commenced beginning March for redesigned Macwall Construction. Macwall is segmental blockwork retaining wall system combining the aesthetics of masonry walls with the engineered reassurance of reinforced earth.

MN/22/0004	Lough Egish Village AT Scheme	Q3 2024	€332,000	Works progressing. Accommodation works details to be confirmed and agreed. Foundations complete, wall formwork 95% complete. Drainage and backfilling to wall ongoing with excavation for formation level to new roadway.
MN/23/0005	Clones - Tirnahinch Rd Footpath	Q2 2024	€30,000	Works progressing. Footpaths 95% complete. Fencing works are ongoing. Completion Q2 2024.
MN/23/0011	Scotshouse Village AT	Complete	Complete	School footpath contract complete.
MN/23/0012	Smithboro - Magherarney Footpath	Complete	Complete	Contract complete.
MN/23/0014	Ballybay Footpath - R162 Monaghan Rd	Complete	Complete	Construction complete.

MN/23/0015	Clones - Cannons Lane Footpath	Complete	Complete	Works complete.
MN/23/0018	SRTS - St Tiarnachs	Q3 2024	€50,000	An Taisce, MD, AT & School held meeting on 1st Feb at school to discuss delivery plan. An Taisce are making changes to the plan. School requires a detailed a report as possible to discuss internally.
MN/23/0020	Urban Mobility/Sustainability AT Plans (Castleblayney, Ballybay, Clones, Carrickmacross)	Q2 2024	€60,000	NTA has reviewed Clones plan and comments returned. Design Consultants are incorporated into the plan comments.
MN/24/XXXX	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme.	2024	€500,000.00	A programme of bus stop locations and associated works must be agreed with the NTA in advance of any construction commencing. In agreed locations, the NTA's contractor will continue to install bus shelters subject to the advance completion of the necessary groundworks.

Community Recreation Fund 2023

98 Avenue Bus Stop: -

A funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. The appointed design consultant and Engineering staff are at present examining preliminary design proposals in conjunction the National Transport Authority.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment Peace Link: -

A funding allocation of €45,000 has been received. This project is completed and will be officially opened later this month.

New Playground equipment for Ballybay Town Park: -

Funding allocation of €120,000 has been received. Installation works are completed, and the equipment has been commissioned and is operational; top soiling will be completed when weather improves.

Waterways Irelands Ulster Canal

Clones Marina

Phase 2 works are ongoing to restore a 1km section of the canal and construct a 42-berth marina in Clones, the target completion date is May 2024.

Tourism Hub

Waterways Ireland, Board Failte and Monaghan County Council are at present developing a vision plan for a new Tourism Hub/ water-based asset along the Ulster Canal which is being restored and rediscovered on a phased basis.

Following on from a Market soundings exercise, Waterways Ireland propose to go out to market for the Operation of Concessions at Clones Marina. These will be presented as 2 Lots.

- Lot 1: Outdoor Activity Concession
- Lot 2: Catering Concession

Tender assessments will take place next week.

Ulster Canal - Clones to Smithboro Greenway: -

Section 50 Applications have been submitted to the OPW and all have been approved apart from one that requires additional information.

Draft Part VIII Designs and Assessment have been forwarded to the relevant sections for review and amendments AND any technical issues will be addressed following this review.

Proposed Public CCTV Schemes.

Ballybay CCTV: -

A consultant has been appointed to carry out a survey to examine the feasibility of a CCTV scheme in the town. An assessment of suitable locations for the system in consultation with reps from Monaghan County Council and An Garda Síochána was completed and Engineering staff are reviewing preliminary designs. Public Consultation on the preliminary design will take place next month.

Clones CCTV: -

A meeting between Engineering staff and the Design Security Consultant took place last month on site to assess suitable locations and we are awaiting a preliminary design.

Ballybay Fire Station

Construction is ongoing at Ballybay Fire Station and is due for completion by the end of 2024 and operational in Q1 2025.

Billy Fox Memorial Event the 28th of April 2024

The steering group has met on three occasions to plan the event. Draft event plans consist of commencement at 12:30hrs at Billy Fox Park Bawn, proceeding to Christ Church Aghnamullen for a service at 15:00hrs finishing with refreshments at Latton GAA Complex from 16:30hrs.

Traffic Warden

The traffic warden is continuing to be present in the district on a weekly basis. Please see correspondence received regarding parking and enforcement in Ballybay particularly around the Castleblayney Rd.

BCEEP AGM

The AGM of the Ballybay Clones Erne East Partnership took place on Thursday 11 April at 6pm. Cllr Seamus Greene FODC was appointed Chairman for the coming year. A vice chairperson will be appointed at the next meeting on the 27th of June.

Ballybay Library/Civic Building

Sander Construction have commenced works on the refurbishment works to the Ballybay Civic Building to convert to residential for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Response Initiative.

Bank Of Ireland Clones

The Bank of Ireland building has now been acquired by Monaghan County Council. This acquisition was delayed due to an oil spill, which the Bank addressed.

Monaghan County Council has submitted a funding application in relation to this property under the Peace Plus Programme. The funding application is part of an East Border Region led application for Digi hubs in various regions. If the funding application is successful, the funds will be used to assist in the renovation of the ground floor.

Carrowbarrow: - Smithborough TIC

There is outstanding works of circa €50k and Monaghan County Council are pursuing the bond with the developer.

Ballybay Town Team

Meeting took place on Wednesday the 10th of April between the town team and members of the Executive. The Charter agreement was signed by 6 members. The team hopes to run a community event in August.

2024 Community Recognition Fund

There will be a drop in information evening on Monday the 15th of April from 16:30-18:30hrs in the Market House Clones & Youth Reach Centre in Ballybay on Thursday 18th of April from 18:30-20:30hrs regarding funding to support communities that have welcomed people from Ukraine and other countries. Funding proposals to be developed in consultation with local communities.

Project that will be funded include: -

- Development or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens, allotments, and recreational areas.
- Development or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities.
- Enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all the community after school hours.
- Purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations
- Transport infrastructure such as community vehicles.

Actions Arising from MD Report

Members welcomed this report.

Elected Members discussed the CIS scheme, in relation to Energia availing of it. Gareth McMahon Director of Services informed the Elected Members this scheme is currently overprescribed and Energia have not been successful in their application in consideration of assessment criteria.

Following discussion by the Elected Members it was noted that they continually opposed Energia's application under CIS and their preference was that they would pay for it through the company's own means. Noting that the bonds with planning will be released when planning conditions are met and this road in question is not part of conditions.

It was agreed by all, communication should issue to Energia to request that what would have been their CIS contribution if successful in their application is still made to Monaghan County Council for road repair.

SRTS at St. Tiernach's are welcomed. The Members sought clarification regarding management of the Safe Route To School Scheme. Staff advised the SRTS is assigned to NTA to manage, and they have the overarching role in consultation with Schools and the Council. An Taisce have input to schemes in an advisory capacity and in their role can make changes to SRTS plans.

Cllr. Richard Truell noted Ballybay Town Teams proposal to run a community event in August and requested that this would be support by the Municipal District Office, Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator advised community events are fully supported through the MD Office and as with all events the Town Team will be required to ensure the appropriate insurances are in place. Advice, support and guidance will be provided to the Town Team from the MD Office.

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney welcomed the guided walk-through facilitated by MD Engineers on proposals under Public Realm Enhancement, the Ball Alley & Diamond Area which took place at the March Municipal District Meeting. Cllr. McElvaney requested feedback to the alternative proposals from the Elected Members for the Public Realm Enhancement, Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator advised proposals have been conveyed to the consultants and he will report back to the Members.

Elected Members welcomed the May completion date for Ulster Canal Phase 2 works and seek a site tour of completed works.

Gareth McMahon Director of Services will speak to Garret McGrath Regional Manager Water Ways Ireland to advance this request.

7. Report by Municipal District Engineer.

2024 Roads Programme

- The programme for the 2024 roads programme has been adopted to include for 7 roads to be resurfaced.

2024 Draft Restoration Improvement Programme

Road No		Location
LP3401		McNallys cross to McVickors Cross
LS7330		Terrygeely - 3 Roads - Mullanabattog - 4 Roads
LP2232/3		Drum village
LT21122/23		Stone Bridge - Shankill
LT71011		Carrickinare -3 Roads South - Annahaia- 3 Roads
R212		Clones - Scotshouse Sections
R190		Ballybay to Cootehill Section

- Drainage works are substantially complete on 4 of the roads;
 - LP3401 McNallys Cross to McVickors Cross
 - LT21122/23 Stonebridge to Shankill
 - LS7330 Tullycorbet
 - LT71011 Gragarnagh Lane
- Tender is currently assessed, and appointment is currently being made for the surfacing contractor.

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2024 Draft Restoration Maintenance Programme

In addition, roads have been assessed for suitability for surface dressing with a total of 17 no roads identified. Surface dressing in Ballybay Clones MD is first this year and scheduled to commence on 13th May weather permitting.

Road No	Location	Overall Length of road (m)	Length of SD only (m)	Width of Road (m)	Area Of SD Works (m2)
LT20322	Kilcorran Selloo	1468	1468	3.3	4844
LP2150	Magherarney - Carnowen	1723	1723	3.8	6547
LP2151	Carnowen - Killygorman	2141	2141	3.8	8136
LP2152	Killygorman - Shanco	1927	1927	3.8	7323
LS6250	Munnilly - Clonmore	1387	1387	3.6	4993
LT22102	Corconnolly (R212 - Ture)	668	668	3.3	2204
LT22414	Annaghraw Conns - Border to Border	1394	504	3.3	1663.2
LT22413	Annaghraw Conns - Border to Border	512	512	3.3	1689.6
LP2241	Drumhillagh	2946	420	3.6	1512
LT22412	Killynure	1505	442	3.3	1459
LP2320	Carson Monument - Doohat	2137	2137	3.8	8121
LS7040	Latton 5 Crosses - Derrygooney	2906	2906	3.3	9590
LS7115	Kilkitt - Formil	1117	1117	3.4	3798
LP32001	Laragh - Tonyglasson (Bellantra Chapel)	2231	2231	3.6	8032
LT24122	Rosnalough	2685	2685	3.3	8861
LT33002	Kilnacran - Lisquigny	2184	2184	3.3	7207
Road No	Location	Overall Length of road (m)	Length of SD only (m)	Width of Road (m)	Area Of SD Works (m2)
R189	Annagoose - Glinch (Mountain Hill)	3525	1755	6.2	10881

Low Cost Safety Initiatives

There was funding secured for 3 LCSi for 2024. The locations are;

- Maghernakelly R189/LT22803 JCT - €25,800
- Tossey Cross School – LP3131/LP4210/LS8200/LP3134 - €25,000
- Rockcorry – R193/188 JCT - €20,780.

My CoCo

We are continuing to receive entries on MyCoCo for Ballybay Clones MD.

- 82 entries to date.
- 3 entries in April,
- 60 of these are in progress,
- 22 have the actions completed.

Drainage Notices

We are continually inspecting roads to identify areas where water is running from private lands onto the public road, affecting the condition and safety of the road for road users.

We are following up on previous drainage notices issued to landowners.

Technical staff have been making themselves available to meet with landowners to discuss the drainage issues and confirm works requirements, and we are currently engaging with a few landowners to rectify the issues.

- 174 Drainage notices issued to date.
- 66 Closed off with works complete.
- 30 Referred to Roads for following up or legal proceedings.
- 9 Reminder Letter issued in past month.
- 72 Opened/outstanding.

Road Closures

Following a bridge inspection, the bridge on the L40441 was found to be structurally unsafe and as a result, the L40441 road at Readuff is closed. Works to rebuild the bridge are complete and the road has reopened.

Bridge replacement at Roosky on the L6141 commenced earlier this month, and the road will remain closed until mid June. Diversions will be in place via the L6140 and L2152 through Killygorman.

Bridge replacement at Derrygoony on the L3002 is due to commence on 6th May with the road closed from 6th May to 4th June. Diversions will be in place via the L7030 and L7040 through Maghon.

Patching

Two crews are continuing with patching the roads within the MD.

Public Lighting

Lights have been replaced at Cherry Park in Clones including the fitting of an additional light where it was found that lighting levels had diminished below an acceptable standard. The former lamps at this location were some of the first in the county to have the lamps replaced with LED lamps under the energy efficiency programme. Light levels for some of these early fittings had reduced with time, so these had to be replaced.

An additional light is to be added at Abbey Street in Clones following an assessment that has identified light levels below an acceptable standard.

Kilnacran Drainage

Monaghan County Council met with the hydrologist on site on 21st March 2024 and walked the study area. There has been further flooding at Kilnacran on 27th March 2024, and a drone survey of the area was carried out of the affected area the following day.

The consultant is currently working on a scoping study and data collection. Monaghan County Council also with OSI are currently collating survey data of the affected area.

Actions Arising from Engineers Report

Members welcomed this report.

Cllr. Richard Truell proposed correspondence is issued to our local TD's, Taoiseach Simon Harris, Tánaiste Micheál Martin and Eamonn Ryan TD Minister for Transport, requesting emergency funding for repair to the roads in County Monaghan. The Council requests emergency funding to address the current road disrepairs and to bring the road network back to a satisfactory standard.

Proposed Cllr. Richard Truell, Seconded Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland and unanimously agreed by all.

Following discussion regarding road repair in this Municipal District the Elected Members noted while environmental impact effects roads, it is necessary to maintain an acceptable standard.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed that this Municipal District apply all available resources i.e. personnel, velocity patcher and any and all other means to repair our Municipal District roads. Seconded by Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and unanimously agreed by all.

Cllr. Richard Truell enquired as to why lights at Ture & Killevan chapels are not on, Martin Taylor Executive Engineer will follow up on this.

8. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Cllr. Hugh McElvaney proposed that a resolution goes to the full Council seeking that Public Representatives form part of the Ukrainian Community Response Forum which currently consists of agencies including HSE, Tusla, Cavan and Monaghan ETB and An Garda Síochána.

Proposed Cllr. Hugh McElvaney, Seconded Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland and unanimously agreed by all.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland requested that in follow up to prior correspondence with Local Link for the introduction of a bus service from Ballybay to Carrickmacross that further representations are made. While it is acknowledged Local Link have advised there currently will be no introductions of additional routes, this service would allow connection to the Dublin bus service from Carrickmacross.

Gareth McMahon Director Of Services, sits on the Local Link Committee and will follow up on this.

Cllr. Richard Truell requested an update on installation of EV charging stations. Gareth McMahon Director of Services advised currently there is a pause on installation of EV charging stations on public roads as a county policy is being developed. It will ensure that public parking spaces are not handed over to commercial operators without due compensation.

Cllr. Pat Treanor, sought an update on progress with the Gone But Not Forgotten Committee in a decision on a suitable site for memorial plaque. Matthew Lambe MD Co-Ordinator advised he is meeting with the committee re. a decision on a suitable site and will revert to Elected Members.

9. CE Orders.

Noted

10. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy.

Elected Members passed a vote of congratulations to Killeevan Gymnastics Club on their recent successes in the Spirit Acro Crown Cup 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. Pat Treanor, seconded by Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and unanimously agreed by all.

11. AOB.

Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland proposed Ballybay/Clones Municipal District contact ESB Networks regarding the North/South Interconnector.

In consideration of a recent meeting held with ESB Networks and Planning Services of Monaghan County Council, Cavan County Council and Meath County Council, the Members request the

documented legal process that empowers ESB Networks to act on behalf of Eirgrid in the process of the North/South Interconnector regarding planning matters of the proposed interconnector in Monaghan, Cavan, and Meath.

Proposed Cathaoirleach Cllr Sean Gilliland, seconded Cllr. Hugh McElvaney and unanimously agreed by all.

Cllr. Pat Treanor requested in follow up to the presentation at January's Municipal District meeting on parking proposals for O'Neill Park that an update is prepared for the May meeting.

Signed _____
Cathaoirleach

Signed _____
Meetings Administrator
Date, 20th May 2024